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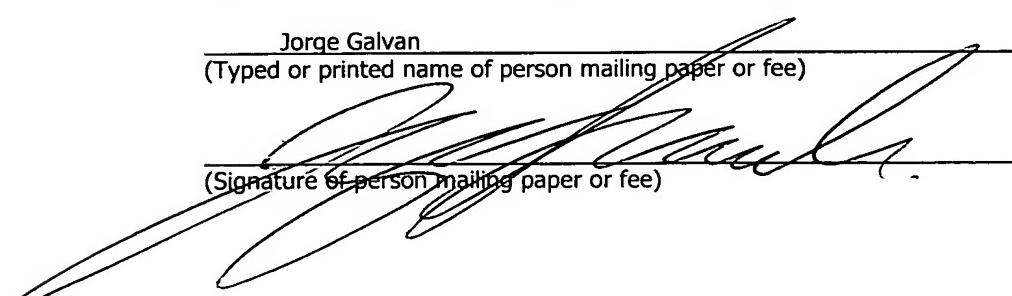
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

CUTTING DEVICE

and invented by:

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Total Claims	32	- 20 =	12	x \$9.00	\$108.00
Indep. Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$42.00	\$0.00
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